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2 Chronicles 34, Hosea 2, Acts 16|17



## **I make a covenant for them**

Josiah in the 8th year of his reign began to seek after Yahweh Elohim the God of David his Father, breaking down altars to baal and repairing the House of Yahweh. When hearing the Law he rends his clothes fearing wrath. He stays the wrath by his repentance Josiah leads the people into the house of the LORD he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found. The king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. (2Ch 34:30-31)

When Hosea's wife is set as an example to the nation, Yahweh Elohim points out, "For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. (Hos 2:8). But Yahweh Elohim extends mercy for his covenant's sake, I will give her her vineyards and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth. In that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, in judgment, in lovingkindness, and in mercies (H2:15-19)

Paul in Athens Market speaks of the New Covenant in Christ, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (A 17:30-31)

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